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The general conclusion to be drawn from the reports is that smoking is not much in evidence in school and college premises and on play-grounds and that smoking outside is not widespread except in the Telugu districts, parts of Coimbatore, Malabar and the Nilgiris.

Prevention of smoking in schools and colleges.

* 62-A *Q.*—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to place on the table of the House a summary of the reports and other information received regarding the effect of the circular of the Director of Public Instruction along with a copy of the circular regarding prevention of smoking in schools?"

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 62.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"In view of the answer given in item (iii) and also the recommendations made, may I know whether in view of the fact that smoking outside the school does exist to a large extent in the Telugu districts and one of the recommendations—the third is 'that occasional lectures by doctors who were specialists on the subject would be beneficial'. May I know if any arrangements have been made for such lectures in the Telugu districts as are referred to in the answer?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"Not yet."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"May I know whether Government propose to make such provision early?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"It depends on the proposals of the Director of Public Instruction."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"May I know whether the Director of Public Instruction has been asked to give his opinion on this subject and to make any recommendations?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"As I said, he will make the recommendations he thinks necessary."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"May I know whether Government have asked him to make any recommendations?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"The proposals are to emanate from the Director of Public Instruction."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao:—"May I know whether Government will issue instructions to teachers to give moral education to students including the evils of smoking?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"I believe it has already been done."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"May I know whether the hon. Minister will ask the Director of Public Instruction to send up proposals?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan: —"The Director will send it of his own accord."

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar:—"May I know whether smoking is prevalent among school-boys in Coimbatore?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"I am not acquainted with the topography of the Coimbatore district as much as the hon. Member."

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Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—" Cannot the hon. the Minister give some information ? The Director's report is there with him."

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I want notice."

Prevention of teachers from smoking in the presence of their pupils.

* 63 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether any circular has been issued or is proposed to be issued directing that teachers should not smoke in the presence of their pupils in the class-room or in the school or college premises ?

A.—A circular in the following terms was issued by the Director of Public Instruction in April 1929 :—

" The heads of all educational institutions are hereby informed that teachers should not be allowed to smoke in class rooms."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi :—" Will the hon. the Minister be pleased to issue instructions to the Director of Public Instruction to see that teachers ought to be informed that smoking should not be indulged in by them not only inside the class-room but also outside the class-room within the school premises ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I believe that is the instruction."

Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabapathi Mudaliyar :—" Will the hon. the Minister be pleased to bring forward legislation on the subject ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I do not think a case has been made out for such legislation."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know if the hon. the Minister will issue instructions to the effect that smoking should not be indulged in by the teachers in the precincts of the school ? Because it is mentioned here in the answer that the instructions are only in regard to the class-room ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" That will be done."

Opening of girls' schools in South Kanara.

* 64 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : With reference to my question No. 1682 answered on 11th March 1929 regarding the opening of girls' schools in South Kanara, will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to lay on the table of the House the information received from the Director of Public Instruction ?

A.—The report received from the Director of Public Instruction is placed on the Council table.[a]

Local Boards

Introduction of Bills to amend the Local Boards Act, District Municipalities Act, etc.

* 65 Q.—Mr. S. Satyamurti : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state when he proposes to introduce in the Council—

(i) the Bill to amend the Local Boards Act ;

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